

## BOXING—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BASEBALL

Aside from the efforts of one of our energetic young reporters to raise a mustache, we can imagine nothing more deserving of sympathy than the efforts of Ban Johnson to dispose of the Cleveland club of the American league.

Both Ban and our young man are wasting energy, directing their efforts toward the wrong spot.

Ban so far has done his best toward selling the club to Cleveland men, desiring, and rightly, to secure local capital for the club. But the Cleveland moneyed men, having watched the crowds that attend amateur ball games in that city while a handful of people attended the professionals' efforts, have been shy of putting their money on the aggregation.

The club can be sold, but outsiders will have to be called in. The team will pay if properly conducted and divorced from the other Somers holdings. In the past each team of the Somers string has been a feeder for the other and the fans in none of the cities he controlled have been satisfied.

Ed Gwinner says he is through trying to buy the Indians, but C. J. McDiarmid and John E. Bruce, who recently got from under their St. Louis holdings, have entered the field. They may be acting as agents, as they did in the sale of the Browns.

Joe Tinker is not yet official manager of the 1916 Cubs, but his right to the position is generally recognized around the major circuits, and in this way Joe has been enabled to quietly get waivers on 13 men who were attached to the Cub payroll in 1915. Names of none of these players have been given out, but two of them are said to be Pitcher Schorr and Polly McLarry. Frank Chance wants both of these men for his Los Angeles club. The P. L. is also after Shortstop Bob Fisher, but a National league club, it is understood, believes

Bob still has some baseball in his system and will take a chance on him if he is put on the market.

The majority of the men on whom waivers are to be secured will be sold to some minor club. Many of them are capable performers if they want to be and should do better work with the Feds eliminated and the ironclad contracts-out of existence.

Tinker and Charley Williams do not believe they will be able to break the contract made with the Tampa business men for the Cubs to train in the Florida city and the team will not go to Shreveport. This is not yet definitely settled.

Heinie Wagner, Red Sock, formerly regarded as one of the best shortstops, has been given his unconditional release. Wagner has been crippled by rheumatism for two seasons. He will make an excellent manager for some minor club.

Grover Hayes and Frankie Murphy fought 15 rounds to a draw in Denver. Hayes tired in closing rounds.

Johnny Dundee defeated Jimmy Murphy in six rounds at Philadelphia. This was a big victory for Dundee, as Murphy has defeated Fred Welsh, Ad Wolgast and Joe Shugrue in recent fights.

Jack Dillon defeated Porky Flynn in eight rounds at Memphis, having the better of every round.

Decisions will not be allowed in the ten-round bouts legalized in New York. The state boxing commission has so voted, but the proposition to hold battles in armories is still undecided.

Frankie Mantell, who fought for ten years through the light, welter and light-heavyweight classes and at one time claimed the welter championship, is strolling the streets of Dayton, O., as a policeman.

When the scrapper decided he had enough of the ring game, he settled in the Ohio city with his wife and baby and sought regular employ-